License to exploit Minerals.

164. MR. K. A. MUHAMMED: Will the Honourable Minister for Industries be pleased to state:

(*a*) Whether any company has applied for license to exploit minerals from the back water lake beds; and

(*b*) what advice the Geologist to Government has given in this matter?

HON'BLE MR. T. M VARGHESE: (*a*) No.

(*b*) This matter is under investigation by the Geologist.

High way scheme.

165. MR. K. A. MUHAMMED: Will the Honourable Minister for Public Works be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Travancore Government have a High Way Scheme or is it a part of the Indian High Way Scheme;

(*b*) whether the survey of this High Way is completed;

(*c*) the estimated cost of this High Way; and

(*d*) the amount so far spent for the purpose?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: (*a*) Investigations were conducted as a part of the Indian High Way Scheme but since the Government of India declined to participate in it, the execution in accordance with their standard has not been taken up but that scheme has been modified into a State Scheme which is being executed.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Rs. 2. 4 crores according to the standards of the Indian High Way Scheme.

(*d*) Rs. 1,34,664 till the end of 1122 M. E.

Food Grains.

166. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Will the Honourable Minister for Food be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total stock of food stuff held by Government on 10-8-1123;

(*b*) the total amount invested for the purchase of the same;

(*c*) the price of rice per bag made available to the Travancore Government under the quota system by the Indian Union on 10-8-1123;

(*d*) the price per bag of rice sold from ration shops on 10-8-1123;

(*e*) the price per bag of rice sold at Cochin on 10-8-1123;

(*f*) the total loss sustained by Government by the sale of food stuff till 10-8-1123;

(*g*) the date from which rice has been sold below cost price;

(*h*) the total quantity of rice sold below the cost price till 10-8-1123;

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